THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The omcpany has not disclosed the exact year of crossing the limit of Rs. 50 lacs despite reminders.

(b) The matter is being looked into and the facts shall be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) M|s. Carews had submitted their price applications for the three formulations in August, 1986. The company does not seem to have implemented the prices fixed by the Government.

भोपाल गैस पीड़ितों को अन्तरिम सहायता

2257. श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :
कुमारी सईदा खातून :
श्री कपिल वर्मा :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भोपाल गैस त्रासदी से पीड़ित उन व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें हाल ही में अन्तरिम राहत प्रदान की गई है ; और

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा चालू वित्तीय वर्ष में उक्त राहत पर कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई है ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्ता मोहन) : (क) 5,00,000 ।

(ख) पीड़ितों को प्रतिमाह 200 रुपए की अंतरिम सहायता का भुगतान करने के लिए मार्च, 1990 में 310.30 करोड़ रु0 की राशि मंजूर की गई थी । उपर्युक्त प्रयोजनार्थ चालू वित्तीय वर्ष में केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा कोई अतिरिक्त राशि मंजूर नहीं की गई है ।

Letters sent by Members of Parliament

2258. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the letters sent to him by the Members of Parliament during 1991-92 and on what subjects;

(b) what are the details of the letters which have neither been acknowledged nor replied; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that all the letters written to him are replied?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) During the year 1991-92, a large number of letters have been received from Members of Parliament on various subjects and such letters are attended to expeditiously and every attempt is made to reply promptly.

Unit value of fertilizers

2259. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the unit value of fertilizers in the form of (N) Nitrophosphate in relation to that of paddy and wheat in different countries like Japan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, U.S.A., U.K., Canada, China, Brazil, Korea, Sri Lank, Malaysia etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): The unit value of fertilizers in the form of 'N' through urea in relation to paddy and wheat in different countries is given below:—

Name of the country	Year	Kg. of produce to buy one Kg. Nitrogen	
		Paddy	Wheat
Japan	1988	0.34	0.62
Pakistan	1988	1.97	2.63
Bangladesh		Not Available	
U.S.A.	1988	3.08	5.40
U.K.	1985	..	3.96
Canada	1988	..	4.66
China		Not Available	
Brazil		Not Available	
Korea (Republic)	1988	0.76	1.59
Sri Lanka		Not Available	
Malaysia		Not Available	
India	1988	3.19	2.95
	1991	2.89	2.96

Note: The unit (i) vaule of fertilizers in the form of 'N' through Nitrophosphate is not available.

(ii) Procurement prices announced by Government have been (adopted for calculation in respect of India.

Financial crisis of fertilizer Industry

2260. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the fertilizer industry in the country is in the grip of a financial crisis;

(b) whether Government's indifference towards payment of subsidy which accrued to the fertilizer plants over the last more than one year is largely responsible for this; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and what other concrete steps Government propose to take to save the fertilizer industry from the financial crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) The fertilizer industry is facing liquidity problem on account of some delay in payment of subsidy. The problem has, however, been partly mitigated by lower inventory levels.

The Budget provision of Rs. 4000 crores for fertilizer subsidy has been enhanced to Rs. 4800 crores in the Revised Estimates.

Every effort is being made by the Government to expedite payment of subsidy.

Price Controlled Drugs

2261. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3096 given in Rajya